

Meeting: Stormwater Phase II March 12, 2008

Attendees: Susan Tolan, Amy Helms, Mike Randall, Kendall Spence, Ken Swain, John Ross and Cheri Clark

We have two issues on the table:

1. Permit application/plan – VOLP has had four years to be in compliance.
2. Is there an alternative to meeting the Stormwater Phase II Standards?

Any town with a population of less than 1,000 is automatically exempt.

A town with less than 10,000 can potentially file for a waiver if there are programs in place to protect the water quality. A waiver automatically goes away if the water is impaired. The state classifies all surface water such as drinking, recreation, swimming, water supply, etc.

According to the GIS map, we have in-stream ponds, which means the ponds become part of the “water of the state” which actually means watercourses that fall under the domain and jurisdiction of the US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). The concern is the water quality due to urban run-off. If the VOLP ponds are in-stream there should be 401 certification permits from the ACOE.

A waiver is probably a long shot due to impaired streams and the fact that the VOLP owns and operates a storm sewer system.

The biological integrity of our Stormwater will need to be improved. Examples of ways in which to change the biological integrity:

1. Fertilizer use – limit what is used in the yards and parks.
2. Establish pet waste controls.
3. Structural controls.
4. Monitor headwater in the VOLP to determine if the water integrity is being compromised upstream or downstream.
5. Educational tool as to how to address impaired waters.

The Stormwater Sewer System is based on curb and gutter in the VOLP. A county has to have a permit if they have a Stormwater Sewer System but typically the county does not own curb and gutter. The reason that a county would want a Stormwater Phase II permit would be for control. As it currently stands, all new development in Union county has to be reviewed by the state for compliance.

The VOLP will receive a letter from Mike Randall, Stormwater Permitting Unit, notifying us of our lack of compliance. The VOLP will have 30 days to respond concerning a schedule that will put us in compliance and the implementation of such plan of action. There is a model ordinance available that should be a helpful tool for creating our ordinance.